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MURDEROUS CUBANS

Disorder In Havana Grows Worse Daily.

SPANIARDS IN CONSTANT DANGER.

One Man Shot In General Ludlow's Presence—Cab Driver Killed For Refusing to Display the Cuban Flag.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Senor de Castro, the civil governor of Havana, acting in accord with General Ludlow, has issued an order forbidding any further firing of firearms or the exploding of fire crackers in the public thoroughfares.

He also prohibits the assembling of crowds in the streets or parks after 6:30 p. m., orders the closing of all places of entertainment, including the theaters and cafes, at 11 p. m., forbids people taking part in certain African dances in which the participants are dressed in devil costume, forbids the meetings of Nanigos and forbids all manifestations which may produce conflicts between the Cubans and Spaniards or between Spaniards and Americans. Those who violate these orders are threatened with severe punishment.

A detachment of American artillerymen was admitted to Cabanas fortress yesterday by request of Brigadier General Clous in order that the men might familiarize themselves with the guns mounted there, so as to be able to salute the Spanish flag on Jan. 1. Regla was evacuated by the Spaniards and occupied by the Americans yesterday.

A banner having on it a portrait of President McKinley, painted by Armendo Monocal, has been on view in a window on Obispo street, where it was cheered by crowds of people. It will be sent to the president by representatives of the Masonic lodges.

The Havana wards which have already been evacuated were the scenes of processions and noisy celebrations yesterday.

A cab driver was shot Monday night for refusing to enter the territory within Spanish jurisdiction with Cuban and American flags on his vehicle, an omnibus driver and two women were shot by Nanigos yesterday, and the body of a lieutenant of guerrillas has been found near Seiba de Agua, this province. He was taken from town by a band of Cubans and killed. The Spanish alcalde of Seiba de Agua has arrived here, and his son has advised him not to return or he will be killed.

Several guerrillas are reported to have been killed at Sancti Spiritus after the evacuation of that place by the Spaniards and before the American occupation of the town.

Four Spaniards, residents of San Luis province of Pinar del Rio, have arrived here, saying they fear they will be killed by the Cubans.

The police reports show that 12 more persons have been wounded, four of them being intentional cases. The rest of them received accidental wounds. Among the wounded are three children and a lady, whose arm has been amputated.

The Spanish troops yesterday still further contracted their lines and withdrew to the extremity of the peninsula on which the city of Havana is built. They now occupy scarcely two square miles. The United States troops have moved from the suburbs into the city proper and last night were patrolling Central park and the Prado.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments have been placed at the disposal of Major General Ludlow military governor of the city after Jan. 1, and already six companies have been quartered in barracks within the limits of Havana proper and are doing police as well as military duty. Senor Fernandez de Castro said to General Ludlow that the Havana constabulary were afraid to try to keep order unless they could rely upon the support of the American troops and General Ludlow immediately issued instructions to the American patrols when making arrests for misdemeanors to turn the offenders over to the ordinary civil authorities.

The whole population is in a state of unrest—the Spanish residents fearful, the Cubans eager to do something to show they have gained their freedom. Bands of Cubans freely enter the residences of Spaniards, call upon them to hoist American and Cuban flags and to shout "Viva Cuba libre!" and terrify them with their machetes. A dozen such cases were reported to the American authorities yesterday. In all such instances American guards were promptly sent to the houses invaded, but the Cubans were invariably missing when the patrol arrived, nor was there any such thing as catching the offenders.

No attention whatever is paid to the order against discharging firecrackers, while pistols are fired in the streets almost continuously. Three persons have been killed and 29 wounded, among the latter three women and two children. The shooting has been for the most part indiscriminate.

As General Ludlow was standing on the balcony of the Hotel Inglaterra at dusk yesterday watching the scene in the plaza a man waved a Cuban flag. Another cried out: "An insult! An insult!" whereat the man who was waving the flag fired upon the objector.

A Spanish company that was retiring from Fort Principe was deliberately fired on from a private residence. Lieutenant Blount, the American officer who was escorting the Spaniards, broke into the house, but the occupants fled to the adjoining roofs.

While Brigadier General Clous and Captain Hart were returning from the palace yesterday after an interview with Captain General Castellanos they met a mob of Cubans carrying flags and shouting. A minute or two later the crowd would have encountered a detachment of Spanish troops. The situation called for prompt action, and Captain Hart leaped from the carriage, faced the mob and ordered everybody to go home immediately.

Major General Brooke last evening formally took command of the United States forces in Cuba and issued the necessary orders.

A crowd of negroes entered a Spanish cafe on the Callo Villegas, corner of Bomba street, late last evening and ordered drinks. They refused to pay for them, and in the dispute which followed the proprietor of the cafe and his assistant were stabbed.

Sergeant Adams, with 15 men of Company M of the Tenth regulars, hurried to stop the row. On entering the cafe however, they found no one in the room but a minute or two later they were fired upon from a room in the rear of the cafe, one bullet cutting the coat of Sergeant Adams. The Americans then broke into the rear apartment, firing as they entered, and chased the negroes out of the building and down the street, arresting four. Sergeant Adams says that none of the negroes was hit by his men; but, according to other reports, one was killed and six wounded.

SANGER AT CHARLESTON.

Twelfth New York Will Embark This Afternoon.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—Brigadier General Sanger, with headquarters of 50 men, the Second brigade hospital, 40 attendants and 37 nurses, and the Twelfth New York regiment of volunteers, 1,500 men, arrived here from Columbus, Ga., last night. General Sanger and the men who accompany him will embark this afternoon on the transport Manitoba for Matanzas, Cuba. The Manitoba arrived here yesterday, and the work of loading her has already begun. General Bates, his headquarters and the Sixth Ohio regiment of volunteers will arrive here today from Knoxville. They will take the transport Minnewaska, now here, for Cienfuegos.

The Twelfth New York regiment and General Sanger and his headquarters had a quick and uneventful journey here from Columbus. They occupied ten trains of Pullman cars.

ARMY NEWS.

Sixth Cavalry Starts For Kansas, First Infantry For Cuba.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 28.—The First squadron of the Sixth cavalry departed last night for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to occupy a post there. The remainder of the regiment will leave as soon as transportation is secured. The Sixth has been assigned to the following posts in the department of the Missouri: Headquarters and four troops, Fort Riley, Kan.; four troops, Fort Leavenworth; two troops, Fort Sill, O. T.; two troops, Fort Reno, O. T.

The Second battalion, First infantry, and regimental First infantry headquarters left for Charleston to take a transport for Cuba. Brigadier General Robert H. Hall and personal staff, formerly of the First brigade, First division, departed for Chicago, where they will join the Fourth infantry and proceed to Manila.

Death of a Hero of Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The steamer China brought word from Shanghai of the arrival there on the 12th of last month of the gunboat Petrel. There was a sad incident in connection with the cruise of the Petrel. Ensign George I. Fermier, who fought bravely at Manila, died on board the vessel. Deceased had suffered with stomach trouble, and the disease finally developed paralysis. Ensign Fermier was born in Indiana and was 29 years of age. He graduated from Annapolis in 1889. He fought at Cavite and was mentioned in the dispatches for gallantry. The alumni of his college have subscribed for a sword of honor, which was to have been presented to him for his behavior during the late war.

Zurlinden Denies Military Plot.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs his paper the substance of an interview he has had with General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, who denied the existence of any military conspiracy against the republic. According to the correspondent, General Zurlinden said: "I believe there is no plot and that there will be none, because the army is republican to the core. We seek no dictator. The name Napoleon may be music to our ears, but we are the nation's servants, and our duty is to France. The army, like the majority of the nation, believes Dreyfus guilty, but a declaration of his innocence would not induce the army to turn against the republic."

Rios Surrenders Iloilo.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—General Rios, the Spanish commander in the Visayas islands, has telegraphed to the government from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date of Dec. 24 as follows: "Am preparing to embark on the steamer Leo XIII for Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, having yesterday formally surrendered Iloilo in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and the foreign consuls. Have charged the German consul with the protection of Spanish interests. Shall arrive at Manila by the end of this month." Though the dispatch is ambiguous, it is assumed here that the surrender of Iloilo was to the Americans.

Five Judgments Against Lammerts.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Five judgments, aggregating $13,000, were filed with the county clerk yesterday against John C. Lammerts, treasurer of Niagara county, who is charged with embezzlement of about $50,000 and is now at liberty under $15,000 bail. The judgments were filed by a representative of the First National bank of Niagara Falls.

Paris Commission Elects Officers.

ALBANY, Dec. 28. The Paris exposition commission appointed by the governor to represent the state met yesterday afternoon and appointed these officers: President, N. P. Otis of Yonkers; vice president, Lamotte Blakely of Syracuse, and secretary (the only paid official), Mrs. Clarence Burns of New York city.

J. S. MORRILL DEAD.

Vermont Senator Passes Away at 1:20 This Morning.

OLDEST MEMBER OF THE SENATE.

Served Seven Consecutive Terms In the Upper House—For Thirteen Years a Representative—A Sketch of His Career.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Justin S. Morrill, the senior senator from Vermont, died at 1:25 o'clock this morning in the eighty-ninth years of his age after an illness of less than a week.

The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which developed from an attack of grip contracted about a week ago. The venerable senator was confined to his home but seven days. Despite his advanced age he attended his senatorial duties faithfully and regularly went to the capitol. About ten days ago the weather here was cold, raw and foggy, and his physician thinks that exposure to its rigors brought on the attack of grip.

The day before congress adjourned for the Christmas holiday the senator was unable to leave his residence. He

JUSTIN S. MORRILL.

grew no better as the days went on, his low vitality, due to advanced age, being unable to resist the disease. On Christmas night it developed into pneumonia, and from that time until the end he sank steadily.

No definite funeral arrangements have yet been made. It is likely that public services will be held in the senate chamber, but when cannot now be stated. The remains of Mrs. Morrill, who died during the present year, are now in a vault at Rock Creek cemetery, near this city, and it may be that the senator's body will be placed there pending removal to Strafford, Vt., where a mausoleum is now in course of construction.

With a single exception Senator Justin Smith Morrill was the only man in congress whose congressional career began before the civil war. He had served continuously in the senate for more than 21 years, and he was admittedly the dean of that body. Representative Galusha Grow of Pennsylvania is the "single exception" alluded to, and Senator Morrill's congressional career exceeded Mr. Grow's in that the distinguished Vermonter's long term of service in House and senate was continuous, covering a period of 44 years.

A native of Vermont, having been born in Strafford April 14, 1810, Mr. Morrill's early career was uneventful. He received a common school education and started in business for himself as a merchant with a capital of $150 which he had saved from his small earnings as clerk in a village store.

He was very successful in business, from which he retired on his election to the house of representatives in 1854.

Subsequently he was elected to the Thirty-fifth, the Thirty-sixth, the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth congresses successively.

In 1867 Representative Morrill was elected to the senate to succeed the Hon. Luke P. Poland. He held his seat in the senate from that date up to the time of his death without interruption, having been elected six times successively. From the very beginning of his senatorial career Mr. Morrill gave his attention largely to financial and commercial questions, and during the greater part of his long term of service he was a member of the committee on finance. He succeeded Senator Sherman as chairman of that committee in 1877, and he held the position continuously after that date, except during the Forty-sixth and Fifty-third congresses, when the Democratic party controlled the senate. During those intervals, however, Senator Morrill continued at the head of the Republican representation on the committee. In recent years he delegated the larger share of the details of the committee work to the younger members, but there were few occasions when he was not a regular attendant at the committee meetings.

Nearly all of the distinguished men with whom Senator Morrill began his congressional service are either dead or in retirement. When he first became a senator, he had as associates Bayard and Saulsbury of Delaware, Yates and Trumbull of Illinois, Morton of Indiana, Grimes and Harlan of Iowa, Fessenden of Maine, Kellogg of Louisiana, Sumner and Wilson of Massachusetts, Conkling and Morgan of New York, Chandler of Michigan, Wade and Sherman of Ohio, and Sprague and Anthony of Rhode Island. Few men of more than fourscore years have been able to continue so serviceably in public life as Justin S. Morrill. In recent years he was a veritable encyclopedia of legislative knowledge. He had at his finger's ends a wealth of information concerning the tariff and financial questions which were always useful in the elucidation of problems under consideration, especially in the committee room.

His last appearance in the senate was on Dec. 19, when he made a speech of half an hour's duration in advocacy of the supreme court building bill.

NOTED MURDERER FOUND.

Killed Six People—Eleven Thousand Dollars' Reward For His Capture.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—There is under arrest in this city a man whom the police have strong reason to believe is James C. Dunham, for whom there is a reward of $11,000 offered, dead or alive, at San Jose, Cal. He was picked up here by Detective Louis Wolf of the local force as a suspicious character, he having offered a lot of goods for sale at about 20 per cent of the actual value. He gave the name of Harry Wilson when arrested, but in court yesterday he said his right name was Harry Church and that he was born in Sacramento, from which point he started out two years ago.

The crime for which Dunham, whom Church is suspected of being, is wanted was a most atrocious one.

At a lonely farmhouse between San Jose and Los Gatos, Santa Clara county, Cal., on the night of Tuesday, May 26, 1896, James C. Dunham slew all the occupants of the residence save one, his baby boy. His wife, her mother, her stepfather, her brother, a man and a maid servant were sacrificed.

Austro-Hungarian Politics.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says he learns on the best authority that Count Goluchowski is about to resign the portfolio of Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Count Goluchowski's resolution is the outcome of the recent policy of the Prussian government in expelling Austrian subjects from the northwest provinces of Prussia and of the speech made in the Austrian reichsrath regarding these expulsions by Count Thun-Hohenstein, the Austrian premier, last month, when, in replying to an interpellation, he said that if the Berlin cabinet did not show greater consideration to Austrians the Austrian government would not hesitate if necessary to adopt retaliatory measures.

First New Yorkers at Kingston.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Never within the history of this city has there been such a demonstration as there was yesterday over the arrival of Company M, First regiment, New York volunteers, from Honolulu. There was a parade of the Grand Army, fire department, secret societies and other organizations, with exercises at the armory, where addresses were made by Mayor Brinner and Deputy Attorney General Hasbrouck. The company left 12 sick behind at Honolulu, three at Persidio and brought home several sick. Fully 25,000 people assisted in the welcome, coming from all sections of the county.

The Miles-Eagan Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It has not been decided by the members of the war investigating commission now in town whether the charges and denials passed between General Miles and Commissary General Eagan will lead to the recall of either of these witnesses and the reopening of the controversy. One of the members of the commission said yesterday that personally he thought the gravity of the charges made by General Miles would warrant reopening this phase of the case, but that it is a matter which must be definitely decided by a quorum of the commission.

Dewey Now Senior Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, having reached that position without congressional action through the retirement Sunday last of Admiral Bunce. He will continue to hold that distinction until the 20th of December next year, when he will go upon the retired list unless congress excepts him from the operation of the law and after making him admiral of the navy provides that he may hold that office in active service without age limitation.

No Sunday Ball For Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—The Pittsburg Baseball club will not play Sunday ball next year. President Kerr, who has always been opposed to Sunday games, has received word from Vice President P. L. Auten of Chicago that he, too, was tired of Sunday ball and was in favor of a return to the old regime. President Young of the League has been notified not to include Pittsburg in the Sunday schedule for next season.

Philip to Succeed Bunce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral Bunce, who was officially retired on Christmas day, received information from Washington yesterday that he will be relieved of the command of the Brooklyn navy yard on Jan. 15 by Commodore John W. Philip, who was captain of the battleship Texas in the naval fight off Santiago. Commodore Philip is now in command, temporarily, of the north Atlantic squadron in Havana, but is expected to return on the Texas early next month.

Ship For Massachusetts Reserves.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Governor Wolcott has received a letter from the navy department, signed by Assistant Secretary Allen, saying that the request of the governor of Massachusetts for the loan of the United States steamer Inca, to be used by the naval militia of the state for purposes of instruction and drill had been granted and that the department has issued orders to prepare the vessel for the purpose requested. The letter also states that the Inca will be ready to start for Boston about Jan. 7.

Robbery at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—The dry goods store of Henry Wessels, at Hamburg and Charles streets, this city, was entered by burglars Monday night and robbed of money and checks aggregating $7,000. The valuable were in a safe in the counting room, the doors of which were blown off by dynamite. There was $6,800 in specie and currency, the remainder being in checks.

Bubonic Plague at Delagoa Bay.

PRETORIA Dec. 28.—It is reported here that the bubonic plague has broken out in the district of Delagoa Bay.

A BANDIT CAPTURED

Noted Greek Brigand In New York Court.

SHOT AT THE KING OF GREECE.

Long Sought by Greek Government. Big Reward For His Body. Is Now Under Arrest For Assault.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There was a large crowd of Greeks in the Yorkville police court yesterday when Michael Ferrando of 139 East Thirteenth street was arraigned on a charge of assault and robbery. In the crowd were several men who told the magistrate that the prisoner was the notorious brigand Soteros D. Farantos, for whose head the Greek government had offered a reward of 5,000 francs. As a brigand Farantos had killed a police captain, two soldiers and a servant girl. Farantos, it was said in court, was also implicated in the attempt to assassinate King George of Greece, who was shot at while riding in a carriage with his daughter shortly after the ending of the Greco-Turkish war.

Farantos' brother, Demetri, who was also in the plot to kill the king, was captured and is now in the Medrese prison in Athens, the Greeks said.

After the attempt on the king's life Farantos made his way to this country.

None of the Greeks in court yesterday knew Farantos in the old country. The brigand operated in the province of Naupacplas and made his headquarters in the village of Perico.

His outlawry was notorious during the recent war in that country, and the government offered 1,500 francs for information leading to his capture and 5,000 francs to any one who would kill the robber and bring his head to the government. The brigand was of more money value dead than alive.

He shot a policeman who tried to capture him and then shot two soldiers who pursued him. He ran into a house when closely pressed by the soldiers and killed a servant girl who got in his way while trying to escape.

George Zegouras of 111 West Sixteenth street told Magistrate Kudlich yesterday of his experience with Ferrando. He said that they were both engaged in the business of collecting ferns and greens in the woods near Canaan, Conn. Ferrando, he said, recently entered the rooms of the Greek fern gatherers in this city and, pointing a revolver at them, threatened to shoot any one of them who interfered with him in gathering greens.

Five weeks ago, while he and several others were in the woods, he added, Ferrando began popping away at them from behind a tree with a revolver. They all fled, leaving their baskets with the man.

The prisoner was asked what he had to say.

"That man is a counterfeiter," he answered through Interpreter Moustaki, pointing to Zegouras. "If you will send a policeman with me, I will lead you to the counterfeiting plant in New Jersey. He is one of the band of Greek counterfeiters."

Demosthenes Canallis of 17 Catherine street, a law clerk, said that the prisoner had tried to stab a restaurant keeper in Roosevelt street a year ago and that sentence was suspended by Judge McMahon in general sessions.

"That man served two years in prison at Sing Sing," said the prisoner, pointing to the witness.

"Is that true?" asked the magistrate.

"I decline to answer," Canallis replied.

Zegouras said that he had received a letter from his father in Perico, Greece saying that Ferrando was the brigand Farantos and telling him to look out for him.

The specific complaint against the prisoner was that last Saturday he induced a Greek sailor to go to his rooms and there assaulted and robbed him. He was held in $1,000 bail for trial on the charge of robbery.

Killed While Hunting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Frederick Stewart, a farmer, was shot and accidentally killed yesterday in Schraalenburg, near Fort Lee, N. J., by his brother Jacob, also a farmer. Both were rabbit hunting. Jacob had two charges in his gun and noticed several rabbits. He called his brother Frederick, who was some distance from him, yelling to him that he would give him a shot at the rabbits. Just as he was about to hand the gun to his brother, Jacob slipped on the ice, the gun went off and a charge of shot entered Frederick's body over the kidneys. He was dead in a few minutes.

Franchises In Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 28.—General Guy V. Henry, the American military commander here, has ordered the revocation of all the concessions and franchises heretofore granted by the Spanish authorities, supplementing the order of the war department prohibiting the granting of new franchises. The general's order is under reconsideration on account of the legal questions raised.

Pallbearer Killed at a Funeral.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Dec. 28.—At the funeral of Mrs. William Martin yesterday a team drawing a hack, carrying mourners, ran away. William Kevern, a pallbearer, who was walking beside the hearse, was run over and instantly killed. Frank Sheron, a liveryman, who was driving the hearse, was thrown from it and injured though not seriously.

Bookkeeper Shot by Employer.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 28.—J. E. Stucky, one of the wealthiest merchants of this city, shot and killed his bookkeeper, John Sevier, yesterday. There was no eyewitness to the tragedy, but it is reported the men disagreed about a settlement. Both were well connected.

GREENE'S FINAL ANSWER.

Cannot Accept Appointment as Aldridge's Successor.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—General Francis V. Greene will not accept appointment as superintendent of public works. Colonel Roosevelt received a dispatch from him just before midnight last night, in which he briefly stated his determination not to accept the place, at the same time expressing appreciation of the honor the governor elect sought to bestow.

Colonel Roosevelt was much disappointed, as he believed that, in view of the conference yesterday, there was good reason for believing General Greene would accept Aldridge's place.

William J. Youngs, Colonel Roosevelt's private secretary, will go to Albany today, with Amos M. Knapp, the governor elect's confidential messenger. Colonel Roosevelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt and the children, will leave for Albany on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Grand Central station in New York.

MERCEDES GARCIA DEAD.

Cuban General's Daughter Never Knew of Her Father's Death.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Dec. 28.—Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Calixto Garcia, the Cuban leader, died at the Pineywoods hotel in this city last evening of consumption.

Mrs. Garcia and her two daughters arrived here the day General Garcia died in Washington, and while at dinner received intelligence of his death. The contents of the telegram were never revealed to Mercedes, who was at that time failing rapidly. All the members of the Garcia family at present in this country were at the bedside of Miss Mercedes when the end came.

The body will be embalmed and taken to Cuba on the United States steamer Dolphin, which the United States has designated to convey the remains of General Garcia back to his native country.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Reports from Bolivia are that civil war is inevitable.

An unknown man committed suicide in the dome of the Pulitzer building.

Ex-Governor John P. Cochran of Delaware died in Middletown, that state.

Captain Archie Hogarth has been chosen to command the new America's cup challenger.

Captain John O'Brien has been unable to secure a crew to take the ferryboat Brinkerhoff to Cuba.

The war department has been advised of a scheme to inaugurate wholesale smuggling from Havana in January.

Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, a cousin of the czar, reached San Francisco from China on his tour around the world.

Mrs. Isabel Allderdice Mallon, better known by the nom de plumes "Ruth Ashmore" and "Bab," died in New York.

Revolutionary socialists in France, in view of the preparations for a coup d'etat, have organized vigilance committees.

Lew Wallace May Go to Madrid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — General Lew Wallace of Indiana for Madrid and former Governor W. R. Merriam of Minnesota for St. Petersburg are the two latest suggestions for the vacant diplomatic offices the president will soon have to fill. General Wallace, though advanced in years, is still strong mentally and physically, and it is known that the president feels very kindly toward him. He is now in the city and called on the president yesterday. General Woodford, it is understood, will not go back to Madrid. Former Governor Merriam has moved to Washington with his family and is now awaiting appointment at the hands of the president. They are old friends. Governor Merriam swung the Minnesota delegation to McKinley when Senator Davis of that state was himself a candidate.

Sagasta Is Better.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The dangerous symptoms of Senor Sagasta's illness are passing away. In the course of conversations with his intimates before the malady became serious he spoke bitterly of the anxiety which the peace negotiations and the lack of generosity on the part of the Americans had caused him. Regarding the future, he said he thought that in five years he could effect radical reforms in all branches of the administration. His plan would be to divide the ministry of Fomento, which includes the departments of public works, agriculture, commerce and education, into two and perhaps three different ministries, because the work of reorganizing the country would fall largely upon these departments."

Embassador Romero Seriously Ill.

WASHINGTON Dec. 28.—Embassador Romero of Mexico is seriously ill with appendicitis at his residence here. A consultation of physicians was held last night, but it was decided to await the developments of the next 24 hours before determining whether or not an operation is necessary. Considerable anxiety is felt as to the outcome of the embassador's illness because of his advanced age, 63 years, and his frail constitution.

Gans Defeats Daly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Joe Gans of Baltimore outpointed Jack Daly of Wilmington, Del., in a 25 round bout at 135 pounds before the Lenox Athletic club last night and Referee Charley White decided in favor of the colored boxer from Baltimore. The referee's decision did not suit many of those who watched the contest but the conservative judges agreed that the colored boy was entitled to a favorable verdict.

A Big Gas Strike.

MARIETTA, O., Dec. 28.—The Ormsby Oil company has struck another more than 20,000,000 gasser three-quarters of a mile from the Big Panther and on the Alderman tract, between Cornwall's and Whisky Run fields, West Virginia.

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GEORGIA'S STRONG MAN.

He Can Hold the Hind Legs of Any Recalcitrant Mule Without Any Assistance Whatever.

A man who can hold the hind legs of any recalcitrant mule in the state of Georgia, a state that is strong on mules, is the boast of the town of Calhoun, county seat of Gordon county, Ga. John Ferguson, the "Mountain Giant," as he is called, has this reputation. It is of record that for years, while in service as a blacksmith's apprentice, this nine-days' wonder of physical strength frequently performed this function for his employer.

No matter how unruly the mule nor how threatening the aspect of its ears

HOLDING DOWN A MULE.

laid back in warning, Ferguson never feared to attempt the task of holding the legs of the animal while his employer put the shoes in place, and never failed in the attempt.

Ferguson has other claims to his title of the "Mountain Giant," but none as unique as his mule-holding experience. He is a little over eight feet tall, weighs 316 pounds, measures 48 inches around the chest and 44 around the waist, wears No. 13 shoes, and a No. 8 hat. He is not fat. He is all muscle, and his muscles are as hard as oak.

One of Ferguson's amusements is to pick up a 500-pound bale of cotton, place it on his shoulder and carry it any required distance on a wager or for the entertainment of visitors.

The history of the development of Ferguson's strength is as strange as its results are remarkable. Until 20 years of age the man was a puny invalid. He was chronically weak and sick, and nature seemed to be denying him the gradual increase in power that is the lot of ordinary men. But at 20 years a change came. It was sudden and marked. The stooping shoulders of the narrow-chested stripling straightened up, the muscles hardened, the chest rounded out bravely in front. Tardy nature seemed bent on making up for lost time, and in ten years Ferguson had grown to his present stature and strength. It was then that he was apprenticed to a blacksmith. He is 50 years old now and eks out a scanty living on a little farm. Ferguson has never seen a showman or museum manager. Should he ever meet one he doubtless would be offered an opportunity to earn a better living and more easily than by farming.

CURED BY LIGHTNING.

Ohio Man Gets Rid of a Case of Muscular Rheumatism in a Peculiar Manner.

Daniel Wright, of Penton O., was going through a field near his home recently when a thunderstorm set in, and Wright was struck by an electric bolt. It burned the hair from one side of his head, tore the clothing from his body and made a crooked black stripe, an inch wide, down his left side from head to foot. When struck he bounded several feet into the air and fell back upon

STRUCK BY AN ELECTRIC BOLT.

the ground as if dead. The bolt entered the earth, throwing up a shower of mud.

Wright carried in his hip pocket a loaded revolver. Every chamber of the weapon was discharged and the metal partially fused by the heat. The left shoe was torn from his foot. Wright was senseless for several hours in the drenching rain, but finally regained partial consciousness and began to stagger uncertainly about over the field, where he was found and taken home.

Wright's teeth and toe nails were loosened, his scalp was almost denuded of hair and his hearing permanently impaired, but he reaped an unexpected benefit from the shock. He had been for years a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, but never since has he felt a twinge of pain from that disease, it being completely cured by the shock.

Among his neighbors Wright is known as the "human lightning rod."

When Cupid Isn't Blind.

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FOR JUDGE, JURY AND CLIENT.

The death of a stepfather is held, in Marshall vs. Macon Sash, Door & Lumber company (Ga.), 41 L. R. A. 211, to give no right of action to a stepchild.

A mandamus to compel the performance of an act by the governor of a state is held, in people, Broderick vs. Morton (N. Y.), 41 L. R. A. 231, to be beyond the power of the court.

Samples of merchandise carried by a traveling salesman are held, in Kansas City, P. & G. R. company vs. state (Ark.), 41 L. R. A. 333, not to be baggage within a statute regulating charges on excess baggage.

Practicing physicians are held, in state, Burroughs vs. Webster (Ind.), 41 L. R. A. 212, to be subject to the power of the legislature to require new examinations for a license to determine their fitness.

The reasonableness of an ordinance prohibiting a person to ride a bicycle with handle bars more than four inches below the top of the saddle is held, in Moore vs. District of Columbia (D. C.), 41 L. R. A. 208, to be a question of fact to be determined by evidence.

An agreement by one who sells a business and its good will that he will not engage in the same business in the United States for 25 years is held, in Lufkin Rule company vs. Friengeli (O.), 41 L. R. A. 185, to be invalid, as tending to create a monopoly.

Failure to equip freight cars with self-couplers is held, in Greenlee vs. Southern Railroad company (N. C.), 41 L. R. A. 399, to constitute negligence per se. It is also held that this is continuing negligence which will preclude the defense of the brakeman's contributory negligence.

ODD NOTES FOR THE WOMEN.

Over 12,000 Irish girls are employed in the lace trade.

Hall Caine believes that in literature, journalism, art and the drama, the gentler sex stands on a level with the sterner.

Ethel Mary Charles is the first woman in England to adopt architecture as a profession, and she has already taken many prizes.

When Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is taking a holiday she spends most of her time in shooting, fishing, boating and cycling. She declares that the only way in which she can get rest is to tire herself out with bodily fatigue.

Miss Lutie A. Lytle, Topeka's colored woman lawyer, has been appointed a member of the faculty of the law department of Central Tennessee college, Nashville. She is said to be the only female lawyer instructor in the world. She will teach the law of domestic relations, evidence, real property, crimes and criminal procedure.

THE WINDOW GARDEN.

Stir the dirt in the flower pots occasionally with a wire nail or hairpin.

Soapsuds, hot and strong and freely applied, are the best defense for roses and other plants against their enemies in the window garden.

The Allelhuia plant is a popular name, used in Europe, says the Semaine Horticole, for one of the herbaceous oxalis (O. acetosella). The title has been bestowed upon this plant because it flowers at or about the Easter season.

If one has patience, sprinkle, sprinkle, sprinkle every day; twice a day is better, reaching the under side of the leaf. If on wash day you dip them, heads down, in the suds, and then rinse in the last tub, you will be rewarded with big, fat sweet roses.—Florence Holmes, in Success with Flowers.

DICTIONARY FOR GIRLS.

A disagreeable girl—Annie Mosity.
A fighting girl—Hittie Magin.
A sweet girl—Carrie Mel.
A pleasant girl—Jennie Rossity.
A sick girl—Amelia Ration.
A clear case of girl—E. Lucy Date.
A geometrical girl—Polly Gon.
Not a Christian—Hettie Rodoxy.
A flower girl—Rodo Dendron.
A musical girl—Sara Nade.
A profound girl—Mettie Physics.
A cringing girl—Jessie Mine.
A muscular girl—Callie Sthenics.
A lively girl—Annie Mation.
An uncertain girl—Eva Nescent.
A sad girl—Ella G.—Palatka Times-Democrat.

SAID OF THE CZAR IN RUSSIA.

Only one can be czar but many can love him

If the czar is a rhymester, worse luck for the poets!

When the czar is cold, all Russia has the influenza.

The czar is very mighty, but is not the Almighty.

If people want to hang the czar, the rope will break.

The czar is of course a cousin of God, but not His brother.

The ukases of the czar are worth nothing if God does not say "Amen!"

A tear-drop in the eye of the czar costs the country many handkerchiefs.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A man isn't old so long as he can take pleasure in estimating how much money he will save "next year."—Atchison Globe.

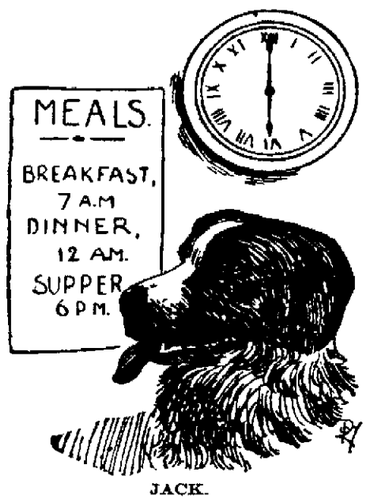
You might have better success with your New Year's resolutions were you to give them a flying instead of a standing start. So you'd better commence now to sort o' get 'em a-going.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Bartender "I guess I'll take a little vacation about the first of January. There won't be nuthin' to do for awhile after that." Proprietor—"All right, but don't stay longer than a week. Business will be picking up by that time."

WISE BROOKLYN DOG.

Jack Knows the Time of Day and Hustles for His Meals Systematically and Cleverly.

Jack of Cummings' mill is described as a remarkable dog. Cummings' mill is in eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, and Jack was born there while the saws were buzzing and the big wheels were revolving. He is half mastiff, half water spaniel, and is a very handsome animal. His extraordinary intelligence is displayed in many ways, but its greatest development is manifested in the procuring of three square meals per diem for Jack, except on Sunday, when he is content with two. As Jack



JACK.

is only 14 months old, great things are expected of him in future. He is of no expense whatever to Mr. Cummings, the mill owner. He hustles for himself and does it systematically and successfully. The moment the mill engine begins to whistle at seven o'clock in the morning Jack gets up, gives himself a shake, emits one short yelp and trots off to the house of Mrs. Moss, who lives three or four doors from the mill. Arrived there, he seats himself and gazes earnestly at the gate as if awaiting a coming event. He is seldom disappointed, for usually in less than a minute Mrs. Moses emerges from the rear of the house with a basket of bones which are soon cracking between Jack's splendid white teeth.

At noon the whistle sounds once more and this time Jack hies him to the house of Mr. Burger, an old grand army man, but he does not stop outside the gate. He enters and scratches at the back door until duly served with his noontide meal. At six o'clock he sallies forth for the third time and descends to the cellar of Mrs. Norton's house, three blocks away, where he finds a plate of good things prepared for him.

And now comes the most extraordinary phase of Jack's intellectual character. The mill whistle does not blow on Sunday, and yet at just after seven, as usual, he is in front of Mrs. Moss' gate with the usual expectancy in his eye. Only on Sunday, so it is solemnly declared, he never yelps.

And, again, as it is the war veteran's custom to take only two meals on Sunday, breakfast and a six o'clock dinner, Jack never gives him a call on that day, but is on time at Mrs. Norton's at five o'clock, when she partakes of her Sunday evening meal, her week day dinner being at six p. m.

Now, as Jack does not carry a watch, the question naturally arises, how does he know the time even to the minute? Of course he is aware it is Sunday, seeing that the whistle doesn't blow, also that on the Sabbath Mr. Burger has no meal at noon while Mrs. Norton's dinner is at five instead of six o'clock, but how does he know that it is five o'clock?

ROSES AS WEAPONS.

First Drugged His Victims and Then Robbed Them of Their Money and Valuables.

A man and his two sisters were recently made the victims of a thief whose weapons were only roses.

They were seated in a railway car traveling through Germany when at one of the stops an elegantly dressed,

THE POLITE STRANGER.

thickly veiled woman entered the carriage, carrying a superb bouquet of roses.

When the train started the stranger dropped her roses. He picked them up for her, and, thanking him charmingly, she asked him to keep one. Then, turning to his companions, she graciously offered each of them a few of the flowers.

Naturally the courtesy was accepted, and the next thing of which the travelers were conscious was that the train had arrived at Berlin; that their veiled companion had disappeared and that all of their money and valuables had gone with her.

Of course, the roses had been drugged.

The police have discovered that the criminal is a young man, and that he has conducted a number of daring robberies in similar fashion.

One must admit that it is the refinement of robbery, and, if one must be robbed at all the rose method is preferable to sandbagging or garroting.

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To the Lady Wearing the Funniest Costume, a Globe, with a pair of Gold Fish. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Drug Store, on James street.

To the Fattest Man, A Large Fruit Cake. To be seen in the window of Bross' Bakery, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a pair of Elegant Bottles of Perfumery. To be seen in the window of McMeagle & Rogers' drug store, on North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Elegant Meerschaum Pipe. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Lady Wearing the Handsomest Costume, a Fur Collarette. To be seen in the window of Max Katzinger's, corner Main and North Sts.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Samuels' Shoe Store, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, a Pair of Common Sense Corsets. To be seen in the window of J. J. Silk's Grocery store, on James street.

To the Homliest Man, a Shaving Set. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Drug Store, North street.

To the Homeliest Girl, a Pretty Horse. To be seen in the window of J. Chas. Schwartz's market, on West Main street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window, on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of Jan. 2d.

The grand Masquerade March will take place promptly at 9 o'clock. At 11.45, distribution of prizes. Good music by West Point Band.

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ENCROACHMENTS ON HIGHWAYS.

The Law in Regard to Liability for Frightening Horses Laid Down by the Court of Appeals in a Suit Against the O. and W.—Very Strict Rules Which Should Be Known and Remembered—Some Interesting Precedents.

The Court of Appeals in affirming a judgment for $5,000 in Mary A. Tinker's suit against the Ontario and Western Railway Company clearly defined the law in regard to obstructions in or encroachments upon a highway, and the rules laid down by the court are so strict that the matter is deserving of general attention.

Mrs. Tinker was injured by being thrown from a wagon, at a crossing on the northern division of the railroad. The jury found that the accident was caused by the horses drawing the wagon, which were ordinarily kind and gentle, being frightened by two heavy timbers, which had been taken out of a bridge and which had been left in a ditch a foot or two in depth, about ten feet from the traveled portion of the highway. The timbers were blackened by exposure to the weather, and were covered with oil and grease, so that they were not at all conspicuous. It was proved by the railroad company that it owned the land on both sides of the highway where the timbers were placed, and it insisted that the placing of the sticks where it did was clearly within its rights as owner of the fee of the highway.

The court, however, overruled this contention and in affirming the judgment, said:

The primary purpose of highways is use by the public for travel and transportation, and the general rule is that any one who interferes with such use commits a nuisance. Indeed, the statute declares it to be a public nuisance and a crime against the order and economy of the State to unlawfully interfere with, obstruct, or tend to obstruct a street or highway (Penal Code, sec. 385). There are some exceptions to the general rule. An abutting owner may, if necessary, temporarily and reasonably encroach upon the street by the deposit of building materials; a tradesman may convey goods in the street to or from his adjoining store, and in a variety of other ways the use of a highway for public travel may be temporarily interfered with without the creation of what in the law is deemed a nuisance. But such obstructions must not only be temporary, but necessary in the transaction of the business of him who obstructs the highway, and reasonable as regards the rights of others.

1. The obstruction must be reasonably necessary for the transaction of business.

2. It must not unreasonably interfere with the rights of the public.

The rule relating to encroachments on highways is not confined to obstructions in the beaten track, but embraces all parts of the highway; nor is it necessary that the injury should be done to a traveler coming in contact with the obstruction. "There is," says Mr. Thompson in his work on Negligence (Vol. 1, p. 349), "no judicial distinction between an injury happening through a traveler's horse taking fright at the object, and an injury happening through his coming into direct collision with it." Indeed, it has been held many times, in other States besides our own, that objects calculated to frighten horses of ordinary gentleness constitutes an encroachment upon the highway which will support a recovery for injuries sustained by the person injured without fault on his part.

Commenting on this, the Albany *Argus* says:

"There are a number of cases in the reports of this State in which recoveries for injuries occasioned through the frightening of horses by obstructions in the highway have been sustained. In one of these cases, the horses became frightened at boilers standing on the edge of sidewalk next to the gutter; in another case, a banner suspended over the street so frightened a horse that he ran away; in another, the horses were frightened by a pile of hub timber irregularly piled; and in other, poles piled by the side of the road, intended for use in constructing barriers to a bridge, so frightened horses that they ran away. In all these cases, verdicts for damages were sustained. In every case it is a question of fact for the jury to determine upon the evidence, whether the use which the defendant made of the highway was necessary and reasonable within the rule laid down by the Court of Appeals. It is important that this rule be generally known."

LAST OF MRS. COLLIN'S DOG.

Its Body Buried, Tuesday Evening, "Just as the sun Went Down."

"We buried him in the back yard, just as the sun went down," said Mrs. Collin, Tuesday night.

"Dr. Collin is very sick, and I had hoped to keep the body of Spot until he was able to see him buried but concluded not to delay any longer."

The dog is buried, sure enough, and that will probably end the newspaper struggle over the matter. The *Evening Journal* had a very good picture, Tuesday night, of Mrs. Collin and the casket, with its deeply-mourned contents. Some weird imagination also prepared a story of the burial of the dog which appeared with the picture.

A Sixty-Ninth Regiment Soldier in Town.

Private H. E. Chandler, a member of Company I, Sixty-ninth Regiment, is spending a few days in town with friends. His home is in New York.

Private Chandler is in Corporal Cashman's company, which is at Huntsville, Ala. He states that the corporal is very popular with the officers and men.

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

PROCEEDINGS OF TUESDAY EVENING'S SPECIAL MEETING.

City's Police Bill Reduced by Board of Supervisors—Aldermen Don't Understand the Cut and May Return the Draft—Third Ward's New Alderman—Miscellaneous Matters—Bills Audited.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held, Tuesday night, at which it was developed that the Board of Supervisors had cut down the police bill of the city of Middletown against the county of Orange, from $665.68 to $170.44 for 1898. As the city has already paid this bill, and was expecting the amount to make the police fund right, the committeemen were in a quandary.

Captain Veber, who was present, explained that the bill had been made out from November 1, 1897, to November 1, 1898, and according to the supervisors' own law, introduced by the late Supervisor Douglas, and passed in 1888. The bills were made out just as they have been made out for the past twenty years, and just as the supervisors have always paid, and as they paid them this year for the city of Newburgh. Last year's bill was $408.65. The Board of Supervisors returned the bill, of $665.08 through Supervisor Iseman to Captain Veber with a draft for $170.44, intended to settle the whole bill.

The Council was not particularly well pleased when this information was given them. They thought, at least, that the Middletown Supervisors should have summoned them for a statement before cutting down the bill. The authorities do not even know where they cut it.

Mr. O'Neal—"I cannot understand why the Board of Supervisors should repudiate this bill. They've made a very nice reduction, haven't they? We'll investigate this matter, and if they had no right to repudiate the bill we'll repudiate the draft."

The matter was then referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

At the opening of the meeting, which was attended by Messrs. O'Neal, Waldorf, Gavin, Owen, Ayres, Allen, and Alderman-elect Wood, Mayor Mance announced that he had appointed Alderman-elect Barnes to fill the vacancy in the Third Ward, and that the latter had taken the oath.

Thomas J. Morris asked for a lamp on Monhagen avenue, near Maryland avenue, and the application was placed on file.

M. H. Carey applied for permission to repair his building on Depot street. It was laid on the table until plans were presented.

Alderman O'Neal introduced a resolution thanking everybody who participated in the reception Company I.

January 12 was set as the day for holding a meeting when objections would be heard to the sewer assessments recently made.

The following bills were audited:

Police	$ 152 75
J. O. Ebner	80
I. L. Harding	15 00
Chas Higham	50 00
J. P. Mulford	1 25
A. B. Baldwin, sand	29 50
A. M. Horton, hay and feed	28 44
S. S. Purvis, salary	15 00
J. J. Duryea, salary	15 00
Pay roll	37 50

Faith Mission's Christmas Exercises.

Exercises, appropriate to the Christmastide, will be observed at the Mission, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28th. Singing and recitations by the children. A lady elocutionist will recite and colored jubilee singers will sing. Admission free. The public cordially invited to attend.

His Life Was Saved.

J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave instant relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1. Trial bottles free at J. J. Chambers drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

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Mr. A. M. Ryerson, professional nurse, living at No. 7 Oak street, says: "I think Doan's Kidney Pills the most wonderful preparation ever compounded. For years I was troubled with kidney and urinary weakness, and about three years ago it developed into lumbago. When I rose in the morning my back was always lame. I had to assist myself when moving about by grasping hold of objects for at least an hour or so. When I had one of my bad spells, which generally lasted ten days, I completely gave up. If I caught cold it settled in my back. Often when lifting a patient my back would give out, and I could not walk for an hour afterwards for pain. I tried everything I read about for it, some relieved me for a short time, then back came the old complaint again. As a last resort I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at J. E. Mills' drug store. About the third dose I noticed an improvement, and soon the pain left. I can get up in the morning and move around as briskly as I please without feeling either an ache or pain. The urinary trouble is also corrected. I feel that I cannot praise Doan's Kidney Pills too much. I have recommended them to a number of people, and shall always do so."

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Fair to-night and Thursday; much colder, temperature falling to and below zero in central portions.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 18°; 12 m., 16°; 3 p. m., 22°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 2—Geo. Lea's masquerade ball, at Casino
—Jan 24—Y. M. C. A. entertainment. Dr. Eugene May, at the Casino.
—Feb. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, at the Casino.

By a vote of thirteen to seven, Chemung county's Supervisors have voted to abolish spring elections and elect town officers in the fall on the general election day.

Kingston, Binghamton and Poughkeepsie gave their soldiers who reached home, Tuesday, rousing receptions, but none of them exceeded in heartiness and enthusiasm the welcome which Middletown gave the members of Co. I.

The pressure for a big river and harbor appropriation is so strong that it is said the bill, as reported, will appropriate $40,000,000. Speaker Reed was able to prevent any appropriation last year, but he has yielded to the pressure of members anxious to get something for their "deestricks" and will not oppose the grab.

Mr. Alds, of Chenango county, is slated for the chairmanship of the Assembly's Committee on Ways and Means, which carries with it the leadership of his party in that branch of the legislature. Mr. Alds is very close to Mr. Platt and may be depended on to do his master's bidding. His record as a legislator is a creditable one, the worst thing about it being his advocacy of the Ellsworth press-gag law.

The man whom Quay made Governor of Pennsylvania is expected to distribute the offices in his gift in such a way as to help Quay's candidacy for re-election to the Senate. The Supreme Court judges, who owe their appointment to Quay's favor, are expected to use their power to keep him from trial and punishment on the charge of speculating with the State funds. Quay certainly seems to be pulling many strings in politics and he needs to.

The Common Council is right in its determination to find out whether the supervisors had a right to cut the city's bill for police services rendered the county. If the law is on the side of the supervisors there is nothing to do but to submit to the cut, if on the side of the city, it is the plain duty of the council to return the draft and begin proceedings to compel the payment of the amount claimed. No matter whether the bill is right or wrong, there is no gainsaying the fact that the city's supervisors ought to have informed the city authorities that the bill was disputed and given them an opportunity to explain the items the legality of which was questioned.

FOR HER DEAD GIRL'S SAKE.

The Christmas Gift of Mrs. Scott "In Memory of Her Little Girl Who Died."

It was only a little doll with a blue dress and blonde hair which stood out straight from her wax head when the cold wind struck it, this morning, as she swung from the iron railing in front of Chas Emde's tailor shop at North and King streets.

Attached to the child's dress was a card which bore the following inscription:

"To some little girl who did not get a doll. From Mrs. Abram M. Scott. In memory of her little girl who died.

Several little girls stopped and looked at the doll, but they had not advanced to the years when the handwriting of a sorrowful mother is legible, and they looked over the offering with wistful eyes and passed on, wondering who could have lost her dolly. Mr. Emde finally took in the plaything, and when the weather moderates and the little girls are all out on the streets again, some little youngster whose mother has gone before will be made happy by the doll given in memory of the "little girl who died.

Mrs. O'Brien's Funeral

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie T. O'Brien will be held at St. Joseph's at 10:30 o'clock, tomorrow, the party leaving the house on Jerome street, at 10 o'clock. Interment will be at St. Joseph's.

WORRIED ABOUT ILOILO.

Reasons for Believing That the Insurgents Are in Possession.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—There is a good deal of anxiety in official circles here over recent events at Iloilo. Two official dispatches have been received by the State and War Departments, but it is impossible to gather from them accurate knowledge as to the condition of affairs there. It is not even possible to learn whether the insurgents or American forces have taken the place.

United States Consul Pratt at Singapore cabled the State Department that Iloilo was taken on the 24th, and that the Spanish fled to Borneo. This threw the officials into deep doubt, for the American expedition which left Manila to go to Iloilo,—20,000 troops and the warships Baltimore and Gallayo, would scarcely have time to reach Iloilo by the 24th. So the inference is that the insurgents are in possession.

LATER—A dispatch from Gen. Otis, received just before noon, says the insurgents took possession of Iloilo on Dec. 26th. Nothing has been heard from the American expedition. When the Americans demand the surrender of Iloilo the issue between the insurgents and our government for the possession of the islands will be raised.

TWO OF SIX DUELS FOUGHT.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 28.—The first of six duels arranged between M. Horansky, a member of the lower house of the Hungarian Diet, and his seconds and the seconds of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian Premier, growing out of the dispute between Baron Fojorvary, the Minister of National Defense, and Count Karo'ya was fought, to-day. Pistols were the weapons used, but the encounter was bloodless. Baron Fojorvary missed his opponent and the pistol of Count Karolya missed fire.

Baron Banffy's second, M. Gajari, and M. Horansky's second, M. Szemore, then fought a duel with swords. In the first encounter the latter was cut on the head. After his wound had been bound up the duel was resumed and M. Szemore was again severely wounded in the head. The seconds then stopped the fighting and a reconciliation followed.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR MORRILL.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the funeral of Senator Morrill, of Vt., who died, early this morning, were completed today. The ceremony will be held in the Senate Chamber, Saturday next, at 12 noon. Until then the body will remain at the family residence on Massachusetts avenue. It will be borne to the Capitol early Saturday morning. The services at the Senate Chamber will be conducted by the Rev. E. B. Radford Leavitt, of All Souls Unitarian Church, where Senator Morrill has been an attendant for a number of years, assisted by Rev. Dr. Millburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate. The remains will be taken to the family home, at Statford, Vt., for burial alongside the remains of Mrs. Morrill.

BURGLARS' VICTIM DEAD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—John Mooney, a young man shot by burglars on a farm near Cassville, Friday morning, died at Faxton Hospital here, this morning. It will be recalled that a man who is supposed to be one of the burglars was chased and captured after a hard fight. He is now in the Utica jail. The other man escaped, and though a reward has been offered for his arrest, he has not yet been apprehended.

REPORT OF PRISON COMMISSION

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec 28.—The State Prison Commission in its report to the Legislature will recommend the continuance of the present system of employing the convicts in the institutions, and Special Committee of the Assembly appointed to investigate the operations of the system will also endorse it and advocate that no change be made

DEATH OF EX-CONGRESSMAN BUNTING.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Thos. L. Bunting former Congressman from the 33d district and the foremost citizen of Hamburg, died here suddenly, today, of pneumonia. He was born at Eden, N. Y. in 1844

ROOSEVELT'S ADJUTANT GENERAL

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Dec. 28—Governor elect Roosevelt, to-day, announced the selection of Major Avery D. Andrews, of New York city, to be Adjutant General of the State's National Guard.

DEATH OF JUDGE WARD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WELLSVILLE, N. Y, Dec. 28—Judge Hamilton Ward of the Supreme Court, died this morning.

MAY HELP "BUCK" STONE.

Capt. Jack Phillip's Appointment May Bring Him to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Friends of "Buck" Stone, a petty officer in the navy, will be glad to learn that "Captain Jack" Phillip has been appointed to succeed Admiral Bunce in charge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. "Buck" was known as "Buck" by the captain of the Texas, and he promised to see that so good a machinist as Stone was taken care of. Now that he will be located at Brooklyn, "Buck's" friends hope to see him placed there so that he can visit his friends here once in a while

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until I was able to work all day without any inconvenience. I have taken Hood's Pills for constipation, and I am better today than I have been for five years. Since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills I feel rested in the morning. I am less nervous and am sure I have richer and purer blood. I have always been bothered with scrofula, but now I am rid of it. Before my last child was born I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and my girl baby was fat and strong, while my other child was not well and lived to be only two years old." MRS. E. F. DEAL, Box 419, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

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A Rich Woman's Delusions.

According to-day's New York papers Miss Adelaide Hamilton, of No. 17 West 20th street, has had her affairs placed in the hands of commission. She is worth about $200,000 and thinks she is dead and in torment. She is a granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, of Revolutionary fame, and Rev. Edgar A. Hamilton, of Deckertown, N. J., is a nephew.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN '98

It appears from a statement in the *Railroad Gazette* that the mileage of railroad construction during the year 1898 has been larger than during any other year since 1892. The new construction has been chiefly in the region west of the Alleghenies. Minnesota leads, with 253 miles, followed by Texas, with 188 miles, Louisiana, 171; Alabama, 161; Oklahoma, 157; Arkansas, 140; Maine, 123; California, 115; Missouri, 111; Michigan and Georgia, each 104. Canada built 448 miles, 262 miles being built by the Canadian Pacific. It is remarked that diminished earnings and vanishing profits dictate nowadays a degree of conservatism unknown to investors in railroads ten years ago. Railroads are now built in the United States only where they seem to be clearly destined to pay, or to help existing lines to pay better than they do.

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—Reduced prices in holiday goods at H. E. Churchill & Co.'s.
—Bargains in shoes at C. D. Hanford's.
—Special meeting of the Society of St. Elizabeth.
—Household furniture at private sale.
—Four rooms for rent.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—"Chimes of Normandy," to-night.

—Luthur Lodge, I. O. O. F., will elect officers, to-night.

—Lea's masquerade ball, Monday night. Don't neglect to go.

—Very much cold weather,—zero and below, is predicted for to-night.

—McQuoid Engine Company will hold a social, to-night, at the truck house.

—This morning's cold weather got very close to the bones of the returned soldiers.

—J. L. Haring, the proprietor of the St. James Hotel, Paterson, is in this city, to-day, on business.

—The Columbus Trust Company of Newburgh has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.

—Mercedes Garcia, daughter of Gen. Garcia, whose death is recorded elsewhere, spent last summer at Liberty.

—Fresh peanut brittle and chewing taffy at [illegible] North street and 17 West Main street. tf

—Newburgh's Associated Charities distributed Christmas cheer to about a hundred families.

—Fine bon bons and chocolates at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 34 North street. dtf

—Tickets for Lea's New Year's masquerade are in great demand and the ball bids fair to be more successful than in former years.

—A special meeting of the Bachelors' Social Club will be held at the Assembly Rooms, this evening, at 6 o'clock. Business of importance.

—Remember that the "Chimes of Normandy" at the Casino, to-night and to-morrow night, is given for the benefit of the Old Ladies' Home.

—Lawrence G. Samuels, who is employed by the Board of Education of New York city, spent the holidays with Miss Grace Louden.

—Sixteen members of Co. L, of Newburgh, by invitation of the rector, Rev. J. M. Chew, attended the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sunday evening. A patriotic sermon was preached.

—The Matamoras House, which J. I. VanSickle and his son, Fred, have conducted for nine months, has been sold to D. B. Allen, the Messrs. VanSickle having reopened their hotel in Unionville.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Mac Burney returned to Jersey City, to day.

—Harry Marsh, of New York city, is the guest of John F. Dusenberry.

—Erie freight agent O. M. Terwilliger is confined to his home with grip.

—Manager Crist, of the A. and P. Tea Company, is out after several days' illness.

—Miss Annie Olyright returned, yesterday, from a week's visit with Newburgh friends.

—Deli Case, the well known hotel man of Woodbourne, is the guest of Alderman Waldorf.

—George M. Bowler, of Union Course, L. I., is spending a few days in town with his parents.

—William Mairs Olney, of Brooklyn, is spending a few days in this city with his uncle, W. D. Olney.

—Sam. Beasley has so improved that he is expected to be able to leave Thrall Hospital in a few days.

—Charles Adelman returned from New York, Tuesday, after several days' visit with friends in the metropolis.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Matthias and two sons, of Beacon street, are all confined to their home with the grip.

—Charles J. Boyd is attending the annual meeting of the Prison Commission, at Albany. He will return on Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Nault, of Union Course, L. I., spent Christmas with A. M. Bowler. Mr. Nault returned to New York, Tuesday.

—Randall D. Wood, the carpenter and member of Eagles, who was injured at the Hunter barn fire, was able to resume his work, Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunning and their son, Will, of Dolsontown, spent Sunday and Monday in Port Jervis with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Salmon.

—Mrs. E. Sanford Crowell, who came up from New York city to greet her brother Private Murray Beakes, of Company I, returned home today.

—Miss Ida Robertson, of Middletown, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her brother, on Ball street. * * * Frank B. Tuthill, of Middletown, spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Tuthill, of this village.—*Port Jervis Gazette.*

In the Social World.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bogart's "At Home," invitations for which were issued at the time of their marriage, will occur to-morrow night, from 8 until 11 o'clock, at No. 23 Prospect street.

—When you are nervous and sleepless take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It makes the nerves strong and gives refreshing sleep.

DIED.

O'CONNOR—Near Johnson, Dec. 27, '98, Catherine R. O'Connor, wife of John O'Connor. Funeral will be held Friday, at nine o'clock, from her late residence and at 10 o'clock from St. Joseph's Church at 11 o'clock with solemn requiem high mass. Interment in family plot St. Joseph's Church.

A GREAT MUSICAL SUCCESS.

Goshen Vocal Society's Eighth Rendition of "The Messiah" Heard by an Audience of 1,500 People.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

The Goshen Vocal Society rendered its forty-seventh concert, Tuesday night, and at the same time scored its forty-seventh musical triumph. The large and spacious Presbyterian Church was filled to the doors by an audience numbering at least 1,500 persons, when Handel's masterpiece, "The Messiah," was given its eighth rendition by a chorus of 125 voices, four solo artists, an orchestra of twenty-five pieces and the big church organ.

The concert was notable for the excellent work of the chorus which sang the difficult music of the oratorio with the snap and finish born of careful training and old acquaintance. The orchestra of twenty-five pieces was effective. It rendered the "Pastoral Symphony" in a manner beyond criticism. Mr. Kochenbach, the trumpeter, rendered the trumpet obligato, "The Trumpet Shall Sound," most artistically, and divided the applause with Mr. Madiera, who sang the solo part.

The soloists were: Miss Minnie Blenner, soprano; Miss Zora G. Horlocker, alto; A. Hobart Smock, tenor; Addison Madiera, bass. The choir of the society was assisted by the Middletown chorus. William Wall Whiddit, Jr., skillfully presided at the big church organ. S. Laendner was the concert master and H. Kochenbach, trumpeter. Rev. Robert Bruce Clark conducted the concert, and the easy gracefulness of his interpretation of the score helped the chorus and orchestra to render with a clearer conception the difficult music of the oratorio. The parts were well balanced and rendered throughout with a harmony superb and perfect.

Miss Blenner, the soprano soloist, made her debut to a Goshen audience, and at the same time made a most favorable impression. Her voice has a wide range, is flexible, clear and sweet.

Miss Horlocker, the contralto, is a favorite of former seasons and she strengthened her hold on the hearts of her listeners, last night.

A. Hobart Smock, the tenor, is accorded a place high up among the stars in the Vocal Society's constellation. His rendition of the air, "Thou Shalt Break Them," elicited the most spontaneous applause of the night.

The bass soloist, Addison Madiera, has a voice that is clear in tone, and dramatic and pleasing withal. He suffers, however, in comparison with basses that have sung with the society heretofore, in that his voice is lacking in volume. He, however, sang very creditably the difficult bass parts and was heartily applauded.

The next concert will be given at Music Hall, April 20, when Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" will be sung. This concert will close the season.

SOLDIERS' RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Held a Meeting Last Night—Arrangements for Banquet Left to Committee of Seven.

The Soldiers' Reception Committee met in the Recorder's Court room, Tuesday night, and decided to leave the date and place for the banquet to the committee of seven originally appointed.

The committee will provide a floral piece for the Weller funeral, and the G. A. R. Posts' representatives stated that they would participate in the funeral.

It is requested that all moneys due the committee be turned in at once to Fred S. Rogers.

The arrangements as completed by the officers of Company I are as follows:

The remains will be taken to the armory, where admission will be by card only. Company I will meet there at 12:15, Friday, and escort the remains and relatives in carriages to Grace Church. The casket will not be opened. After the services, which will consist only of the beautiful Episcopal burial service, the remains will be taken to Bullville, accompanied by the officers of the company and a volunteer firing squad, in carriages. The pall bearers will be six of the tentmates of the deceased.

Any organizations desiring to participate in the funeral arrangements will meet at the armory at 12:15, Friday, with Company I.

Grace Church Sunday School's Christmas Festival.

The Christmas festival of Grace Church Sunday School, with the Anglo-American tableaux, will be held in the Assembly Rooms, to-night, at 8 p. m. There will be a general admission charge of fifteen cents. The entertainment will be preceded by a carol service in the church at 7:30 p. m.

Hoffman Lodge's Installation.

Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., will install officers, Tuesday, Jan. 3d. A large attendance is expected, as D. D. G. M. Arthur S. Tompkins, Congressman-elect, is expected, and J. E. Barnes, First Sergeant of Co. I, will be installed as Master of the lodge.

Co. I's Officers at "Chimes of Normandy."

Capt McIntyre, Lieut. Decker, Lieut. Nickinson and First Sergeant Barnes and ladies will occupy boxes, to-night, at the opening presentation of the "Chimes of Normandy."

Lea's Masquerade Ball.

Two female attendants will be on hand in the Casino parlors at Lea's masquerade ball, New Year's night, to wait upon the ladies who wish to arrange their costumes and masques.

OBITUARY.

Robert R. McBurney.

Robert R. McBurney, general secretary of the New York city Y. M. C. A. since 1862, and the first employe of the Association, died Tuesday. He had frequently visited in this city.

J. Newton Young.

J. Newton Young, a well known resident of Parksville, Sullivan county, died, this morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Horton, at Warren, Pa., where he was spending the winter. He was about seventy years old.

Mr. Young was the youngest brother of Mrs. Harriet Watkins, of this city.

The funeral will be at Liberty, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

George M. Bush.

George M. Bush, a lawyer, whose office was in New York city, where he was counsel for the American Surety Co., died at his home in Brooklyn, Sunday morning, of pneumonia, aged thirty-eight years. He was a son of Hon. T. F. Bush, of Monticello, and his body was taken to that village, Tuesday, for burial.

Mr. Bush at one time practiced his profession in this city. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Emma Ryall, of Monticello, a sister of ex-Postmaster Benjamin Ryall, of Port Jervis.

Mrs. Samuel Pelton.

Mrs. Samuel Pelton, aged seventy-seven years, died suddenly on the afternoon of Dec. 22, at her home near Warwick. She had been attending to household duties as usual during the day, and was resting in the afternoon. Her son, Henry, was attending to the furnace. He heard a call, and went up stairs and found his mother suffering from a hemorrhage. He summoned their nearest neighbor, Mrs. H. B. Berry. Before she arrived, Mrs. Pelton was dead. Her husband, who survives her, was eighty years old, July last. They had been married nearly fifty-four years. Their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary would have been Christmas day.

Mrs. Catharine R. O'Connor.

Mrs. Catharine Roach O'Connor died at her home at Johnson, Tuesday night, after but two days' illness. The funeral will occur at St. Joseph's Church, Friday, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. O'Connor was born in County Cork, Ireland, June 10, 1836. She was married Sept. 7, 1859, to John O'Connor who survives her with nine children: James and John, of Brooklyn; Catherine, wife of Wm. Foley, of Edenville; Jennie, Michael, Richard, Nellie, Margaret and Minnie at home.

Mrs. O'Connor was a devoted member of St. Joseph's Church and a member of the Sacred Heart Society. She was a good wife and mother and will be greatly missed in the home which for so many years was blessed by her presence.

PRIVATE WELLER'S BODY HERE.

Came on Erie Train 12, This Morning—The Funeral Arrangements.

The body of Private Alfred T. Weller, Company I, First Regiment, arrived here in its plain box, on Erie No. 12, this morning, twelve hours sooner than expected.

Word was sent Undertaker Osterhout, and a party of volunteer pall bearers removed the box to his establishment on James street, and a friend went to notify the father of the arrival of his son's body.

The dead soldier will be given a military funeral. The arrangements have been left in the hands of Company I. The services will be held in Grace Church at 1 o'clock, Friday afternoon, and burial will be in the family plot in Bullville Cemetery.

The Grip and Its Many Victims.

The grip continues prevalent in this city and it is claiming new victims daily. Physicians say, however, that it is not getting in its work in such lively styles as it did, last week, when they were kept on the jump attending to calls for their services. Fortunately the disease is not of as serious a type as in former years, but those who are down with it think it bad enough.

The Eclipse of the Moon.

The eclipse of the moon, Tuesday evening, was not seen under very favorable conditions, for clouds in the eastern heavens shut off the moon from view until the orb of night had mounted well onward the zenith and then a fairly good view was had of it. The phenomenon was watched with interest by many people.

In the "Chimes of Normandy."

Harry A. Fisher, Middletown's favorite lyric tenor, will sing "Grenicheux, the Fisherman," to-night, in the "Chimes of Normandy." It is a very difficult role but Mr. Fisher is equal to it and will act and sing it in a very creditable manner.

Attended "The Messiah" at Goshen.

Many Middletown people were in attendance on "The Messiah" which was sung at Goshen, last night. The Traction Company provided extra cars and there was room for all.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Red Men's Election—Whist Tournament—Hundreds of Cases of Grip—Baggagemaster Vandermark Injured.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Red Men will elect officers, Friday night, for the coming year.

—A whist tournament will be started at the club, next week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kelly, of New York, are visiting relatives in this village.

—There are said to be 400 cases of grip in the town of Goshen.

—Marion, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gates W. McGarrah, is ill in this village.

—Baggagemaster Alex Vandermark fell from a truck at the depot, Tuesday, and sustained injuries which will keep him from work for some time.

WORKED THE AMPLIFIED DEGREE.

Knights of Pythias Visit Hiawatha Lodge, at Pine Bush.

Sixteen members of Launcelot Lodge, No. 169, K. of P., went to Pine Bush, Tuesday night, to work the amplified third degree upon two candidates of Hiawatha Lodge. Part of the delegation drove there, the others going by train, and returning here this morning.

The ceremony was performed very prettily by the amplified team and afterward a luncheon was served. Those present from this city were: John E. Corwin, Irving Barr, Henry Birtwistle, Jr., Geo. E. Gillen, M. Bartholomew, Ed. Burhans, John Miller, Orrin Donald, Reuben Wilson, George A. Gray, DeWitt Davis, I. J. Hasbrouck, Wm. Remsen, Chas. Miller, Chas. Kincaid, Frank S. Rogers, George Gaunt.

STRUCK BY AN ERIE TRAIN.

The Hurdy-Gurdy Woman Had Left Home After Quarreling With Her Husband.

The woman who was struck by an Erie train near Shin Hollow, Monday evening, was recognized in Port Jervis as the woman who had been playing a hurdy-gurdy on street corners in that village, and was possibly the same women who was in this city, Saturday. She refused to say anything concerning herself, but from letters found in her pocket it was learned that her name was Newman, that she lived a few miles back of Hawley, and had left her home because of a quarrel with her husband over the marriage of their daughter.

Played to Big Business in Yonkers.

The Sawtelle Comedy Company, which went from here to Yonkers, played to big business there on Christmas afternoon and evening. Their receipts for the day were $586.

Have No Objections to Card Playing.

Erie and Susquehanna officials make haste to deny the report that it is their purpose to interfere with card playing on suburban trains.

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The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at J. J. Chambers drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

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Mistress (still more kindly)—Well, Jane, you are a good girl, and I dislike to lose you, but I cannot have anyone about the house who keeps bad company.—Harlem Life.

Quite Different.

Bill—Men are soon forgotten when misfortune overtakes them.

Jill—Yes, so they say.

"It's different with turtles, however."

"How so?"

"Why, a man don't care anything for a turtle until it gets in the soup."—Yonkers Statesman.

A New Leaf.

The dawning new year, like a fresh cigar
To which the smoker lightly puts the flame,
The same old brand bears, yet may differ far
From bygones, that from out the same box came.
—Judge.

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"Is Frau Schmidt reconciled yet to the loss of her first husband?"

"Oh, yes, she is, but her second husband is irreconcilable over it!"—Heitre Welt

New Year Bells.

'Mongst the chiming that is flung
O'er the feast and nectar,
Loudest sounds the bell that's rung
By the gay collector.
—Washington Star.

Gone and Forgotten.

First Plague (on the way to a city)—What are you?

Second Plague (traveling in the same direction)—I am a Common Cold.

First Plague (loftily)—You might as well stay away. Nobody recognizes you any more. I am the Grip.—N. Y. Weekly.

He Had Had One.

"I thought he had been advised to go to Las Vegas for the mud baths."

"Quite right; but they found it was all a mistake. He didn't need one."

"Why not?"

"He had just been through a hot and close political campaign."—Chicago Post.

A Marked Change.

Assistant—Here is a testimonial which might be worth publishing.

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Assistant (reads)—"Before taking your valuable specific I was afflicted with weak lungs, but to-day I am a political orator."—N. Y. Truth.

The Cause.

Askins—What has caused the change in Maj. Stiff's appearance, of late? He used to look like one born to command.

Grimshaw—He is married now, and has made the discovery that he wasn't born for any such purpose.—Puck.

Gossip.

"Young Mr Van Dobbs says that he is wedded to his art."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "but judging from his pictures, I shouldn't say they were living very happily."—Washington Star.

The Poet's Songs.

The poet sang of woodland ways
Sweet singing birds and such as that;
The poet's wife then sold these lays,
And bought a stuffed bird for a hat
—Chicago Record

Power of Imagination.

"How could you muster the courage to knock that burglar senseless with the potato masher?" they asked her.

"I just shut my eyes and imagined it was John," she answered.—Indianapolis Journal.

Completely Disabled.

He (sympathetically)—You have a bad cold.

She (huskily)—I have. I am so hoarse that if you attempt to kiss me I couldn't even scream.—Boston Journal.

Owed It to His Wife.

Jenkins—I owe my prosperity in life entirely to my wife.

Thompson—How is that?

Jenkins—She was a wealthy widow when I married her.—N. Y. World.

Encouraging Prospects.

Algernon—Charlie, do you think your sister would marry me?

Charlie—Yes, she'd marry almost anybody, from what she said to ma.—Pit-Bits.

Where They Were First.

Mrs. Fuzzy—They claim to be one of the first families in the city, those Attertons.

Mr. Fuzzy—So they are—in the city directory.—Syracuse Herald.

Hard Up.

Bill—Has the boss raised your pay?

Jill—Well, no, he hasn't been able to raise it for three weeks now.—Yonkers Statesman

Loss of Memory.

Cleverton—You talk to me as if you thought I was an idiot.

Dashaway—Pardon me, old man I forgot.—Detroit Free Press.

Almost a Hint.

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"Ellen, has George come home from school yet?" called Mrs. Snaggs to her servant.

"Yes, ma'am," came back the answer.

"Where is he?"

"I haven't seen him."

"How do you know, then, that he's home?"

"Because the cat's a-hidin' under the dresser."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Agent—I have a most valuable work to sell, madam; it tells you how to do anything.

Lady (sarcastically)—Does it tell you how to get rid of a pestering agent?

Agent (promptly)—Oh, yes, madam, buy something of him.—Illustrated American.

What Job Missed.

"Poor old Job! He had a hard time of it," said the man who reads up in Biblical history once in awhile.

"At least," said the man who always sees the bright side of things, "he was lucky enough to die before coon songs were invented."—Indianapolis Journal.

The New Play.

The play was dull from end to end.
The dramatist addressed his friend:
"If not a hit, 'twas not a miss;
I did not hear a single hiss"
"True," said his friend, "but tell me whether
A man can hiss and gape together?"
—Brooklyn Life.

A Bird of a Librarian.

Regular Frequenter (at public library)—I want to get a history of the Black Hawk war, and I can't find it in the catalogue. Have you such a book?

Attendant—I think so. Look under the head of "ornithology."—Chicago Tribune.

Too Sick for School.

There was a very little boy wading up to the ankles in muddy water one afternoon, when a passing gentleman said to him: "Why aren't you at school, young man?"

"Cos I've got the whooping cough," he explained.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Hard Luck.

Philanthropic Matron—It was poverty that drove you to drink, was it not, my poor man?

Tuffold Knutt—No, ma'am. Hit's mostly poverty wot keeps me f'm drinkin', ma'am.—Chicago Tribune.

Saved by His Calling.

Hardupp—Hello, Space, old boy, will you indorse a note for me?

Phil Space—Excuse me, but my journalistic training would never let me have anything to do with paper written on both sides.—N. Y. Journal.

Progress.

He—And still you can't bake biscuits without burning them.

She—Edmund, how unreasonable you are! Haven't I got so I can bake biscuits without burning myself?—N. Y. World.

How She Helped.

Hibbler—Does your wife help you in your work?

Scribbler—Yes, indeed! She always goes calling while I am writing.—Brooklyn Life.

Unappreciated.

"My little man, aren't you pleased to have a new baby brother, or did you want a little sister?"

"If it is all the same to the Lord, I preferred a goat."—Scribner's.

Morose.

On Christmas, folk shall laugh and joke,
As if are ne'er had caught 'em,
By New Year's day the toys are broke,
And so's the man who bought 'em
—Washington Star.

NEEDED NO LESSONS.

Susie O'Shanter—I'm going to take the music course. I want to play the piano awfully.

Jenny Jacket—Why, dear, you do that now.—Illustrated American.

His Wife's Gift.

He beamed in joyful ecstasy
O'er a hundred-dollar gift,
Till from his purse he found there'd been
A hundred-dollar "lift."
—Judge.

Met Her Waterloo.

Jack—Retribution has finally overtaken that talkative Miss Chatterton.

Tom—Indeed! How, pray?

Jack—She was married to a pugilist last week.—Chicago Daily News.

Too Numerous.

Jack—Miss Elderly's face is like an open book.

Tom—Yes; but it is very difficult to read between the lines.—N. Y. World.

Hope On, Hope Ever.

He (pleadingly)—At least, you will let me hope?

She (softly)—Yes. I will always let you hope.—Puck

A Fruitful Theme.

"I wonder how Adam happened to call an apple an apple?"

"'Cause apple is its appellation, I suppose."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Suspicion

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Mayor of a Large City Must Work Hard and Steadily.

Our Correspondent Spends a Day at the Chicago Executive Office and Sees and Hears Many Strange Things.

[Special Chicago Letter.]

HAVING spent one day with the mayor of Chicago, I believe he earns his $10,000 a year salary. Of course there are lots of people who believe they can run the city much better than anyone else, just as there are lots of people who are sure they can run a newspaper a great deal better than the editor. We have all seen these people, and we all know them. We all know that in theory things look much better than they work out in actual practice. Now, the man who thinks that running the city of Chicago is a sort of half-holiday picnic never made a bigger mistake in his life. It doesn't make any difference whether the mayor is a republican or a democrat, it all amounts to the same thing when it comes to transacting the business of the city. The work may be done poorly; the streets may be dirty; the garbage boxes may not be properly emptied, but there is a certain amount of work to be done—good, bad or indifferent, and somebody has to direct it all. That is the mayor's business, and he has his hands full.

If they would let him do his work quietly, it wouldn't be so bad, but somebody is after him all the time. If it isn't the politicians, it's the reformers, or the women representing diverse and numerous organizations for the propagation of all sorts of propositions, so it doesn't make any difference; there is always somebody knocking at the private door.

To get an idea of what the mayor has to do I put in a day with him not long ago. I arrived at his office a little in advance of him. His private secretary, E. M. Lahiff, was in the outer office sorting the mail. There are stacks and stacks of letters waiting for the mayor every morning. All private letters are laid aside for the mayor's personal perusal. The others the secretary uses his discretion in answering or turning over to the mayor. That saves the mayor time. To get rid of this mail is a day's job in itself. There are communications on almost every imaginable subject. One man wants to know why the city doesn't have a double board of aldermen, so that one would be a check on the other, and keep the paving blocks from being stolen off the street. Another man asks the privilege of selling cracker-jack on the east steps of the city hall. Another wants a job in the water office. Another wants his honor to go around to the gas house and tell them if they don't cut down their bills he'll shut them off. Another suggests a congress of religions to be held here next Fourth of July. A young lady from away out west somewhere writes in for an autograph. The president of the Woman's Society for the Good of the Earth wants the mayor's opinion on the advisability of electing old women for sheriffs in towns of the fourth class. Then, there are all kinds of complaints. The man who has no business of his own makes it his business to see to it that other people do their work right. There are several of these men in Chicago, and when they are too busy looking after the affairs of some one else to give everybody proper attention, they call on some of their friends out of town to help them. There is never a dearth of complaints awaiting the mayor when he comes down to the office. No matter how trivial these complaints may be, he examines and investigates every one of them. If against a certain department, he calls in the head of that department and probes the matter to the bottom. Some of these complaints, perhaps the majority of them—are groundless, and many of the grievances are imaginary, but the mayor looks into every one of them and replies to them personally.

Mayor Harrison reaches his office at about 9:30 every morning. He doesn't vary five minutes either way. He goes at once to his desk, where his mail is all laid out for him. He had hardly got down to business the day I was there when an alderman came in. The alderman wanted a pardon for a constituent who had been sent to the bridewell.

"What's he in for?" asked the mayor.

"Oh, just some little things—I don't know definitely," said the alderman evasively. Then he added: "He's a good fellow, you know, and a handy man around primaries."

"Wait till I see the record," said the mayor.

In another minute the papers were spread out on the desk. Harrison looked up and said:

"Why, this fellow's in for wife beating."

"Oh, I don't know," said the alderman, twisting in his chair, for he knew the mayor was down on wife beaters.

"Well, I know," continued Mayor Harrison, "and that settles it. No wife beater will ever be pardoned from this office."

The alderman walked out, and the mayor turned to his mail again. Then Lahiff stuck his head in at the door and said:

"A lady wants to see you, Mr. Mayor."

"All right," said the mayor, "let her come in."

A good-looking woman neatly dressed in black went straight up to the mayor's desk in a business-like way.

"Mr. Mayor," she began, "I should like to have you buy a ticket for our church raffle. It's only 50 cents."

Harrison reached far down into his trousers pocket, brought forth a bright half-dollar and handed it to her. She thanked him, and as she softly closed the door he sighed.

"If I subscribed to everything that I am asked to subscribe to," said he, "it would cost me $15,000 to $20,000 a year; but I couldn't refuse that woman—she was so easy about it."

Then he picked up a letter. There were three minutes of silence. The private secretary announced a delegation of colored men from the First ward. They wanted more representation on the pay rolls at the city hall. Before the delegation got away a man who had slipped in the outer door edged up to the desk and said he wanted a free peddling permit to sell campaign songsters. Then an old man came in and asked for transportation for his son who was stranded down in Kalamazoo. He was followed by a young girl, who begged the mayor to sign an endless chain for the relief of the heroes of El Caney. After that they came stringing along for all sorts of things. Women wanted to get their sons pardoned from the bridewell for drunkenness, men wanted jobs sweeping the streets, presidents of big corporations wanted more privileges, three West side politicians wanted his honor to speak at their meeting—the whole town seemed turned loose, and all the time the mayor was skimming through his mail sending for clerks in the different departments, asking questions and answering them.

MAYOR HARRISON AT THE "ALTAR OF DUTY."

He glanced at his watch and saw that it was 11 o'clock. He went into the big general office to which everybody has free access, and took a seat at a desk behind a long railing. This desk is called at the city hall the "altar of duty." Here the mayor receives the public from 11 a. m. till 1 p. m. Everyone is welcome. The people from all parts of the city come here to see the mayor. They present their petitions to him. They ask for his advice. They ask him for assistance in all kinds of projects. Some ask for alms. All receive a hearing. This "altar of duty" is one of the most interesting features of the city hall. One has but to note the heterogeneous mass of people assembled there to learn a lesson in human nature. The old, the poor, the halt and the blind are there. Faces pinched with poverty and faces seared with crime peer over the tall railing at the mayor. At the "altar of duty" many a poor soul receives the word of comfort that is needed to cheer and help him. It is the best thing that Mayor Harrison has originated, and now that it has been inaugurated it is likely that it will be continued by his successors.

At 1:30 p. m. the mayor went to lunch and was back again promptly at 2:30. In the afternoon he endeavors to keep out general visitors that he may devote himself to examining city reports and attend to municipal business. Until 5:30 and sometimes 6:30 p. m. he devotes himself to the city work. The day I was with him he worked like a hired man, only stopping when interrupted by some politician or determined person who could not be kept out.

There is one day when nobody—no matter whether big or little—can see the mayor. That is on Monday. Monday his door is closed tight, and he devotes the entire day to a personal examination of each order and ordinance that is before the city council. The council meets on Monday night and the mayor wants to be perfectly conversant with every measure that comes before that body. He goes through each document and either approves of or vetoes it. Sometimes the aldermen override his veto, but is important measures he is pretty crafty in protecting against that.

It was a quarter past six o'clock when the mayor shut down his roll-top desk and took me good-night.

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24—West Main street, corner West street.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—West Main street, cor. Monhagon avenue.
212—State Hospital.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—State Hospital (rear).
216—Lake avenue and Oliver street.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shops.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Grand View avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy and Houston avenues.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
49—East Main street, corner Prospect avenue.
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NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 ● Mixed	1 On't Day Exp	7 Sul-liv'n Co Exp	5 ● Chic ago Lim	13 Local			
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M	P M	P M				
Franklin St	8 30	7 40	3 00	5 45				
W. 42d St.	8 30	7 55	3 15	6 15				
Weehawken	4 00	8 10	3 30	6 30				
Cornwall	5 10	9 45	5 00	7 50				
Firthcliffe	15	22 29	53	5 08				
Orr's Mills	16	25 29	55	5 10				
Little Brit'n	6 40	10 06	15	23				
Burnside	6 56	10 16	25	34				
Campb'll H.	7 07	10 22	35	40	8 19			
Stony Ford	7 15	10 37	45	44				
M'town Main St.	7 36	10 43	5 58					
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	6 00	8 35				
M'town lv	8 43	11 05	5 15	8 45				
Winterton	9 10	11 09	5 31					
Bloom'g'b'gh	9 21	11 15	6 38					
Wurtsboro	9 36	11 19	6 40					
Summitville	9 38	11 30	6 50					
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	7 05					
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 08	7 20					
Hurleyville	10 58	12 18	7 27					
Ferndale	11 15	12 28	7 36					
Liberty	11 30	12 39	7 44	9 50				
Parksville	11 45	12 49	7 55					
L'v'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 55	8 05	10 15				
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 20					
Cadosia	1 20	2 00	P M	10 55	A M			
Walton	2 10	2 45		11 35	8 05			
Maywood		3 14			8 38			
Sidney		3 40		12 15	9 02	4 1		
N'rwich ar		4 25		12 55	9 50	A M		
N'rwich lv		4 35		1 05	9 54	7 30		
Castle		5 58		2 12	10 A M	9 10		
Oneida ar		6 37		2 15		9 15		
Oneida lv		6 10		2 25		9 20		
Fulton		7 39		3 25		10 25		
Oswego ar		8 00		3 45		11 30		
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SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 ● New York Exp	12 ● Local	50	14 Del-hi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Nor-wich Exp	8 Sul-liv'n Co Exp
Oswego lv	A M 11 20	P M	A M 6 25	A M	A M 6 55	A M 2 55	A M
Oneida ar	12 52		7 20		7 50	3 30	
Oneida lv	12 56		7 30		8 00	3 35	
Castle			7 55 P	M	8 25	4 00	
Norwich ar	2 09		8 00	6 45	10	7 15	
Norwich lv	2 14	P M	8 45	10 42	P M		
Sidney	3 08		7 40	11 40			
Maywood			7 58	11 57			
Walton ar	3 50	12 15	8 30	1 37			
Cadosia	4 21	1 30	p m	1 20			8 00
Rockland		2 39		2 10			6 14
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Parksville		3 18		2 37			6 35
Liberty	5 26	3 35		2 51			6 45
Ferndale		3 41		n2 56			6 50
Hurleyville		4 04		3 06			6 57
Fallsburgh		4 19		3 14			7 04
Centreville		4 40		n3 20			7 10
Mount'n D.		4 50		n3 25			7 16
Summitville	6 06	5 10		3 45			7 26
Wurtsboro		5 20		n3 52			7 33
Bloom'g'bgh		5 28		3 57			7 38
Winterton		5 34		n4 02			7 43
M'town ar	6 33	5 55		4 15			8 00
M'town lv	6 48	6 20		†4 30			†8 10
Main St.		6 22		4 32			8 12
Stony Ford		6 59		†4 46			8 25
Campb'll H.		7 15		4 59			8 31
Burnside		7 28		†5 07			8 36
Little Brit'n		7 38		†5 08			†8 46
Orr's Mills		8 06		†5 19			†8 53
Firthcliffe		8 10		†5 21			8 55
Cornwall	7 23	8 20		5 33			9 05
Weehawken	8 45	10 50		7 00			10 30
New York W. 42d St., N. Y.	8 55	11 00		7 10			10 40
Fifth St ar	9 15	11 20		7 25			10 55
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Arrive / Leave NEW YORK	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
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Arr. CHICAGO.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.
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SPECIAL TERM OF SUPREME COURT

Much Business in Judge Hirschberg's Court—A Sparrowbush Divorce Case—A Port Jervis Time-Buying Case.

Judge Hirschberg held a special term of the Supreme Court in Newburgh, Tuesday, at which much business was transacted.

Henry W. Wiggins was appointed referee in the Port Jervis case of Edward C. Beirne vs. Thomas J. Bierne.

The suit of Charles S. Gillson, of Sparrowbush, for divorce from his wife, Hattie, was tried. Evidence was introduced to show that defendant had visited houses of ill-fame in Port Jervis with her husband's cousin, Chauncey Gillson. Other evidence was given tending to prove the wife's infidelity. The father asked for the custody of the three children, or at least of the two oldest ones, for he claimed to have some doubts as to the paternity of the youngest child, who is seven years old.

The Erie Railroad Company vs. E. C. Beirne, of Port Jervis, and another, was argued. Of this case the Newburgh *Register* says:

"The employes of the railroad company frequently borrowed money of Mr. Beirne, an insurance agent and money lender, and in return he was given an order on the company for the borrower's wages. Mr. Moran, an employe of the road, testified to having borrowed money from Mr. Beirne, to be paid in the stated manner. Mr. Moran said he had more than paid the debt due, but had no receipts to show for it, as Beirne would never give him any. The last voucher which Beirne presented to the Erie Company they refused to honor, as Moran denied having signed it. Mr. Moyleen, of Port Jervis, also an employe of the road, testified to having borrowed $80 from Beirne about twenty years ago, to be paid back in monthly installments of $1 each by orders on Moyleen's wages from the Erie Company. He said he had paid back in all $64, consisting of four $10 bills, three five and nine $1 bills, and although he had no receipts or accounts to show for it his wife and sister-in-law were witnesses to the transactions. After paying the $64 Mr. Beirne signed a release, which was about nine or ten years ago, and when Beirne presented a voucher to the company for part of Moyleen's wages, it refused to pay it.

EXCELSIORS' SECOND SOCIAL.

Attended by Many Guests, Who Spent a Pleasant Evening.

The second of the series of socials to be given by Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company was held at the Assembly Rooms, Tuesday evening. Fourteen tables were occupied by whist players during the earlier hours of the evening, the prizes falling to Miss Edith Royce and Dr. F. M. Barnes. The usual refreshments were served, followed by dancing. Miss Gumaer and Messrs. Berg and Vollmer furnishing the music.

The committee in charge was T. K. DeWitt, F. O. Rockafellow, Frank Crawford, H. B. Royce, Theodore L. Reeve, H. M. Hayes, C. W. Mapes and N. D. Mills.

Saw His Wife But Not His Father.

Dr. E. M. Schultz, who returned from Honolulu, Tuesday, went to Sloatsburgh, that afternoon, to meet Mrs. Schultz. Assemblyman Schultz, his father, who came here to see him, returned to Port Jervis, Tuesday night, disappointed. To-day, when the doctor returned, he recovered a campaign hat, with its Mauser bullet bow, which Private Suffern lost at Newburgh, and which was sent on here.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

A Store Window Broken—Christmas Visitors—Week of Prayer—Traded Horses—Other Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Some boys threw a stone through the large plate glass window of J. K. Evans's store. It makes a big bill for some one to pay.

—Charles Matthews and sister, Alberta, and Miss Sadie Miller, of Caldwell, N. J., spent Christmas with C. A. Norbury, at this place.

—Good skating on the kill now.

—Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Bullville, spent Monday (Christmas) with Rev. W. R. Hunt.

—The week of prayer will be observed at union meetings. The first meeting will be held in the M. E. Church, Sunday evening, Jan 1st.

—Fred Shorter has traded his team of greys with George Waldorf, of Middletown, for a large sorrel.

—Frank Schnider is doing a good business selling oysters. He gets them fresh every week.

—Quite a number here are sick with the grip.

—William Wilkin spent Christmas at Stony Ford with S. B. Hill.

PINE BUSH.

Death of Mrs. Palmer.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Mrs Marina A. Palmer, widow of the late Beriah Palmer, died Dec. 17th, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Romaine, at Pine Bush, aged eighth-three years. She was born in the town of Fishkill, and was a descendant of an old Huguenot family, being a daughter of John and Nancy Suydam, who were among the first settlers on Long Island.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

A full beard isn't much consolation to a man with a bald head—

Ayer's Hair Vigor

will make hair grow.

UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE.

Dramatic Incident of the Cuban Blockade Between the Porter and the Winslow.

Frequently in the anxiety to discover whether the strange craft were a friend or foe without betraying her own presence, a torpedo boat was fired on by her own friends, says Harper's Magazine. The blockading squadron was taking no chances of any kind of approaching dark little craft and used the western method of shooting first and inquiring afterwards. In the excitement consequent on the signal "Enemy's torpedo-boat sighted," even torpedo-boats engaged each other. This happened one of the first nights off Havana. The moment the signal was made, all the scouting vessels in the vicinity converged at full speed toward the point where the signal stars had been seen. Suddenly out of the gloom of the night and right across the bows of the Porter rushed a dark object, the sparks from its funnels and the dim outline marking it distinctly as a torpedo-boat. No questions were asked by the Porter, for we knew no other torpedo-boat of ours was on that section of the blockade. There was a heavy sea and dense clouds of black smoke were sweeping down between us from our funnels. This fortunately caused the first shots to go wild, and instantly, in answer to our fire, the night signal was shown. It was one of our own boats that had come from Cardenas with dispatches, and she was looking for the flagship. A joking apology and a hearty laugh from us all ended our little encounter and the two boats parted, not to meet again for weeks—not until the Porter, returning to Key West from her cruise to Porto Rico, found the Winslow battle-scarred and torn by the enemy's shell, her captain wounded and her executive officer and five of her crew dead. It was no laughing matter this time.

CENTENARIAN PENSIONERS.

The Queer Discovery That Has Just Been Made by the Spanish Ministry of Justice.

Annuitants never die. The fact has just been illustrated by a circular from the Spanish ministry of justice to the collective prelates of Spain. A law was passed in 1837 dealing with the Spanish national debt, according to which law there were certain nuns in Spanish convents and sisterhoods who held a lien on the state for a small allowance to be paid by the treasury to each member yearly. The circular goes on to state, in calm, official style, that in 1837 the youngest of these religious ladies was 17, the eldest was 66. Between them comes a varying list of ages, and all these ladies, be it remembered, were state annuitants. And now we are in 1898, and not a single death has been recorded in these 61 years. The nuns have with complete unanimity and uniformity paced peacefully through the century, and remain a perfect and unbroken body of annuitants still. The youngest would be 78, the eldest 127, and almost all the others have scored their three figures. The treasury finds something suspicious in this unbroken succession of centenarians costing it 90,000 francs. Their lordships ask for an explanation and the venerable nuns are invited to furnish proof that they really are alive, "failing which," says the circular, shortly "ye shall be scheduled as dead."

Grass Widows Looking for Work.

In a recent report made by Labor Commissioner Roselle, of the state of Missouri, on the workings of the state employment bureau in St. Louis, it is shown that 70 per cent. of the women who apply for work are what is known as grass widows. The commissioner says that most of these female applicants come from outside cities, notably, from Chicago, New York and Cincinnati, and that as a rule they are young and prepossessing.

Dusting Books.

Fifty pounds ($250) a year is devoted to dusting the books in the library of the house of lords.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents, at J. J. Chambers drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

Members of the Little Tenth Reach Newburgh.

Seven members of the Tenth Company, who volunteered with the Kingston Company, returned to Newburgh, Tuesday. The volunteers were called the "Little Tenth," and were twelve in number. Three are still in Honolulu, one is in California and out of the service, and the remaining ones reached Newburgh Monday.

The returning soldiers were given a rousing welcome, and were escorted to the armory by Co L and the 105th and 10th companies.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Dec. 28, '98.

	Dec. 23 Close	To-day Close
Sugar	123⅝	123⅝
Tobacco	142¾	143
Chicago Gas	110½	109½
Nat. Lead	26⅞	27⅝
General Electric	96	95½
U. S. L., pref	73⅝	71⅞
Tenn. Coal and Iron	38	36⅝
A. T. & S. F.	19	18½
C. B. & Q.	134½	133⅞
C. M. & St. P.	118⅝	119
E. I.	114⅝	113⅝
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	93½	94½
Erie	14½	14¼
D. and H.	105¾	106¼
O. & W.	18	17⅝
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	19⅜	19⅛
N. W.	142½	141¾
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	123½	123
M. P.	45⅞	44⅝
Texas	19⅜	18⅞
C. P.	43⅝	42⅝
W. Union	93	92½
L. & N.	64⅝	64¼
Manhattan	97⅞	97½
P. M.	45½	44⅝
Wabash, pref.	23⅛	22¾
No. Pacific, pref.	78	76¾
Metropolitan Traction	192¼	*190⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	76¾	76¼
Southern, pref.	42⅞	41¾

CHICAGO MARKET.

May Wheat	70⅝	70⅝
May Corn	33½	33⅝
May Oats	28¼	28
May Pork	$10 55	$10 40
May Lard	5 70	5 67

*Ex. Div. 1¾ per cent.

DIED.

O'BRIEN—At 21 James street, this city, Dec. 26, '98, Mrs. Sadie O'Brien, daughter of Michael and Mary B. Drenan.

KIRSCHBAUM — Entered into rest, in this city, Dec. 26, '98, Elizabeth Gertrude Kirschbaum, wife of James B. Kirschbaum, aged twenty-six years.

Funeral private, Thursday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock, from 27 King street. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Interment in family plot Hillside Cemetery.

BUSINESS CARDS.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer 44 James St., Middletown, N. Y. Orange County Telephones—158 residence, 318 office. Hudson River or long distance telephone—No. 201. Branch office—40 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, 48 Great James St., New York. Lady Assistant.

DOUGHERTY & CAREY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 56 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 89 North street. Telephone No. 2. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No 10.

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EXECUTORS' SALE.

The undersigned, executors of the late Eliza Bull, offer for sale the property formerly owned by the late Dr. W. H. Dorrance, situated at the corner of West Main and James streets, this city. This property is centrally located, and is very valuable for business or city purposes having a frontage of about 150 feet on James street and about 80 feet on West Main. The property must be sold to settle the estate.

Middletown, Dec. 21st, 1898

IRA M. CORWIN, ROBERT H. DOLSON, } Executors.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the matter of assessments for the sewer in Montgomery street, known as the Montgomery street sewer; for the sewer in Wickham avenue, between Linden avenue and North street, and for the sewers in Linden avenue and Hasbrouck street known as the Linden avenue and Hasbrouck street sewer, all of which said sewers have recently been constructed, that the City Assessors have made and filed their assessments upon the properties which said assessors have deemed benefitted by the construction of said sewers and that a hearing will be given by the Common Council, at the Common Council Rooms, No 7 Times Building, corner of King and Centre streets, Middletown, N. Y., on THURSDAY, Jan. 12, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in the evening, to all persons who have objections and feel aggrieved in the above matters, and that said assessment roll may be examined without charge at the City Clerk's office, No. 2 Times Building, until that date.

By order of the Common Council.

CHARLES TIERNEY, President.

I. B. A. TAYLOR, City Clerk.

Dated Dec. 27 1898.

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A SPECIAL meeting of the Society of St. Elizabeth will be held in the chapel, this evening at 7:30, in order to take action on the death of Mrs. Sadie O'Brien.

By order of the President.

1t MRS. F. J. NEARN.

THE undersigned offers at private sale at 25 Washington street, this week, her entire lot of household furniture, such as carpets, stoves, parlor lamp, bedroom suits, chairs, etc.

1t MRS JACOB LEHN.

FOUND—A brindle and white bull dog pup. Owner can have it by calling at this office.

FOR RENT Cheap until spring. Four rooms first floor, well and cistern. 100 Richmond Terrace.

EDWIN S. MERRILL, Atty., Room 8 Times Building.

TO LET—Five rooms, bath and closet, down stairs, $19; 6 rooms, bath and closet, up stairs, $9; 5 rooms, $6; 3 rooms, with water, $4. Enquire of C. HERFORD CLARK, 109-113 North street. 33d9t

ROOMS TO LET—Six rooms, modern improvements. Enquire 21 Myrtle avenue.

LARGEST Assortment of juvenile books in the city at DAYTON'S.

EMULSION Cod Liver Oil, the great flesh and strength giver. Large size 75c at CHAMBERS' Pharmacy, 57 North St., near postoffice.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-S will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials. 90d1yJly14'99

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TO LET—Nice Cottage on Harrison street seven rooms, all modern improvements. 61dtf Enquire of F. D. YOUNGBLOOD.

COAL! FORTY carloads sold in thirty days. Low prices still continue at VANFLEET'S.

GOOD MUSLIN SIGNS. SENT POSTPAID. Hand painted in oil colors, 1x9, 1¼x16, 2x4½ or 3x3 feet, 50c; or 1x18, 1½x12, 2x9 or 3x6 feet, $1. HARDING'S SIGNERY, Wurtsboro, N. Y.

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HATS for X-mas Gifts—Nothing will make a nicer present than a pretty hat or bonnet. We have a very large assortment of beautifully trimmed hats, and will sell them at one-third less than the already low prices on them. MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY CORPORATION.

The Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company will honor the coupons for interest on certificates of indebtedness of Hillside Cemetery Corporation, maturing Dec 30, 1898

IRA L. CASE, President.

JAMES G. HARDING, Secretary.

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Hereafter my wagon will make no more trips for orders, but goods will be delivered as heretofore inside the city limits.

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FINE Assortment of oil dressed Chamois Skin, for lung shields, vests, etc. Can be washed and will dry soft, 10c to $1 at JOHN J. CHAMBERS', Druggist, 57 North St., near postoffice.

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Last year we bought 3,042 pieces Muslin Underwear. This year we have bought 4,392 pieces for this great annual sale at the lowest prices we have ever known. All made in good clean factory. We do not claim to make a lot of money on the goods, but make our profit by selling you ten garments, where otherwise you would only buy one if sold in the regular way. No woman who cares to save money should miss this great sale.

We Also Hold Our First Housekeepers' Sale

Of Table Linens, Sheets and Pillow Cases, Towels, Bleached and Brown Cottons, White Bed Spread and Bedding.

Goods that we have bought from the manufacturers closing out sales during the past month that will pay every housekeeper in the city and surrounding country to visit this store and buy what goods she needs for the coming year. Prices and full particulars next week.

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